(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The final view on the scheme is yet to be taken.

Employees working in Heavy Industries

†3951. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the strength of employees working in heavy industries under his Ministry has been reduced during the period of March, 1999 to December 2002;

(b) if so, the number of employees working during March, 1999; and December, 2002, respectively; and

(c) the number of employees reduced during the above period, category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) the number of employees working in PSEs under department of Heavy Industry as on 31.3.1999 and 31.12.2002 was 1,76,801 and 1,12,407 respectively. The total number of employees reduced during the period was 64,394 (Executives 9,188, supervisors 6,386 and workmen/others 48,820).

Publicity in border areas

†3952. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR:
SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that special arrangements have been made for publicity in border areas through mediums like Doordarshan;

(b) the names of the States for which such an arrangement is in force;

(c) the number of proposals received for making documentary on

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.